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SUB: PM BHUTTO'S VISIT TO TEHRAN

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1. PAK PRESS THIS MORNING FRONTPAGED REPORTS OF PM
BHUTTO'S 20 HOURS VISIT TO TEHRAN
PAKISTAN YESTERDAY EVENING.

2. NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS FEATURED PM'S STATEMENT AT
TEHRAN AIRPORT IN WHICH HE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT
MAIN EMPHASIS IN HIS TALKS WITH SHAH WAS ON BILATERAL
TIES. PM REPORTEDLY TOLD PRESSMEN THAT PAK-IRAN
RELATIONS HAVE CONSOLIDATED AND IMPROVED ENORMOUSLY
OVER THE YEARS AND EXPRESSED EXTREME HAPPINESS WITH
THEM. HE ADDED WHEN PAK-IRAN RELATIONS ARE DISCUSSED
"WE HAVE TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE SITUATION IN THE REGION
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AND THIS WAS ALSO DONE." HE SAID HE WAS FULLY SATISFIED

WITH THE OUTCOME OF TALKS.

3. GOP-OWNED PAKISTAN TIMES STORY, FILED BY WELL-INFORMED ECONOMIC CORRESPONDENT WHO ACCOMPANIED BHUTTO ON VISIT, STATES THAT WHILE PM DID NOT REVEAL ANY SPECIFIC RESULTS OF DISCUSSION ON BILATERAL RELATIONS, "IT WILL NOT BE SURPRISING IF AS A RESULT OF THIS LATEST MEETING...FURTHER AVENUES OF (ECONOMIC) COLLABORATION ARE EXPLORED." STORY THEN NOTES THAT "IRAN, WHICH HAS BEEN ABLE GENERATE ADDITIONAL REVENUES OF 1.5 TO 2 BILLION DOLLARS AS A RESULT OF THE NEW OIL PRICE INCREASES, MAY ALSO FIND ITSELF IN A BETTER POSITION TO EXTEND MORE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PARTICULARLY OF THE TYPE WHICH CAN PROVIDE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SUPPORT TO PAKISTAN'S STRAINED FOREIGN EXCHANGE BUDGET." REPORT CONCLUDES THAT IT IS YET TOO EARLY TO SAY WHAT FORM FRESH IRANIAN ASSISTANCE MAY TAKE, AND SPECULATES THAT PRECISE FORM AND MAGNITUDE OF SUCH ASSISTANCE WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO BE PROCESSED FURTHER AT THE EXPERTS' LEVEL.

4. PRESS ALSO REPORTS THAT (AS FORECAST IN ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING, REFTEL) TWO LEADERS DISCUSSED OUTCOME OF 7TH SPECIAL UNGA SESSION AND ITS POSSIBLE IMPACT ON FORTHCOMING PARIS CONFERENCE. PAKISTAN TIMES ACCOUNT NOTED THAT PAKISTAN AND IRAN HAVE IDENTICAL VIEWS ON PROTECTING THE TERMS OF TRADE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND CREATING SOME KIND OF LINK BETWEEN THE PRICES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' EXPORTS AND IMPORTS.

5. ON POLITICAL FRONT, PAK PAPERS CARRIED IRANIAN PRESS SPECULATION OF LAST FEW DAYS ON POSSIBILITY THAT TWO LEADERS WOULD HOLD DETAILED DISCUSSION ON PAK-AFGHAN RELATIONS. THIS SPECULATION REPORTEDLY INCLUDED THEORY THAT SINCE AFGHANISTAN WAS ANXIOUS TO DEVELOP ITS RELATIONS WITH IRAN FOR ECONOMIC REASON, GOI WAS NOW IN GOOD POSITION TO HELP PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN SORT OUT THEIR PROBLEMS. GOP OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY DECLINED TO COMMENT ON ACCURACY OF SUCH SPECULATION, THOUGH URDU DAILY NAWA-I-WAQT REPORTS TODAY THAT OBSERVERS IN TEHRAN BELIEVE THAT TENSION BETWEEN KABUL AND ISLAMABAD WILL BE LESSENED

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AS A RESULT OF TEHRAN DISCUSSIONS.

6. ALTHOUGH PRESS ACCOUNTS NOTE THAT DEFENSE SECRETARY MUQEEM ACCOMPANIED BHUTTO, ROUNDUP STORES DID NOT INCLUDE ANY REFERENCE TO DISCUSSIONS OR DECISION ON POSSIBLE IRANIAN ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN IN MILITARY FIELD.

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